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## **Gang Member Sentenced to Prison for Murder, Attempted Murders in 2012**

A 25-year-old Long Beach man was sentenced today to 173 years to life in state prison for several shootings that killed a man and injured two others, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On Feb. 27, John Fitzgerald Kennedy was convicted by a jury of one count of second-degree murder and four counts of attempted murder in case NA092421. Jurors also found true a gang allegation.

Deputy District Attorneys Rebecca Brownstone and Rachel Hardiman, who co-prosecuted the case, said on April 1, 2012, Kennedy was at Fantasy Gold Club in Harbor City when his brother was shot inside the establishment.

As a result, the defendant exited the club and started shooting. Kennedy injured a woman as she was leaving the area with her friends, prosecutors said.

About a month and a half later, on May 13, 2012, Kennedy was at a party in the Hollenbeck area when a fight broke out.

Again, the defendant pulled out a gun and began shooting. He fatally shot college football player Ken McRoyal, 21, and injured another man, prosecutors said.

Law enforcement began an investigation into the two incidents and discovered the bullet casings found at both locations were from the same gun, prosecutors said.

Police subsequently arrested Kennedy on May 31 and he was charged in connection with the crimes.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department Harbor City and Hollenbeck stations, and the Long Beach Police Department.

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